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Reply To : HPR-ID

Mr. Scott Stokes, Acting Director
Idaho Transportation Department
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Attention: Matthew Moore

RE: 2009 STIP Amendment # 16

Dear Mr. Stokes:

Your September 14, 2009 letter requested FHWA approval for the addition of three new projects to the STIP and the advancement of three additional projects from FY-12 to FY-09 of the currently approved program.

With respect to the details of the request, I find that:

1. The proposed changes involve projects either previously identified in the TIP and STIP (and the associated Horizons Program) or qualify as "Grouped Projects" per 23 CFR 450.216(j) and, as such, no further public involvement is necessary.
2. The proposed changes involve projects which are located outside of the State's air quality nonattainment and maintenance areas; therefore, Federal air quality conformity regulations do not apply.
3. The proposed changes will be funded with Idaho's ARRA funds including \$32 million in savings from projects previously let through this program. Therefore, it has been determined that Idaho's program remains fiscally constrained.
4. The proposed amendment is based on a planning process that substantially meets the requirements of Title 23, U.S.C., the Federal Transit Act and 23 CFR 450.

In consideration of the above, STIP Amendment # 16 is approved as requested.

Sincerely,

(original signed by)

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